

WEATHER

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Mills Given Life, 21-Year Sentence for 2 Companions

2 Women Acquitted in Religious Murder Probe at Inez, Ky.

**"Just Waved Our Hands,"
Women Testify—One
on "Altar" Slain**
INEZ, Ky.—(AP)—John H.

Mills, Ballard Mills and Blaine McGinnis were convicted of murder in the Mills "human sacrifice" case by a jury here Wednesday.

Two women defendants in the investigation of the mysterious child murders, Mrs. Mollie McGinnis and Mrs. Ora Moore, were acquitted.

An Hypnotic Crime

INEZ, Ky.—(AP)—The Mills "human sacrifice" trial was given to the jury at 9:58 Tuesday after Judge J. F. Bailey had issued peremptory instructions for the acquittal of two of the defendants.

Judge Bailey ordered Fred Mills and Tommie Boyd freed of complicity in

Harry F. Ramey, defense lawyer, closing arguments said the slaying was "a black and horrible crime."

He said that John H. Mills was "dark" and at the time and is "dark" now.

Two daughters of Mrs. Mills, who was slain February 4 during weird ceremonies near Tomahawk, Ky., told the jury they loved their mother, and

The daughters, Mrs. Mollie McGinnis and Mrs. Ora Moore, testified shortly after the prosecution completed its case.

No Emotion Shown

The sisters' testimony given with no outward show of emotion, Just before they testified, Mrs. Alma Mills, 24, wife of the alleged leader of the cult, was recalled by the defense and swore that no one except John, a defendant, had touched Mrs. Lucinda Mills as she lay on an improvised altar in

"I loved my mother better than any one in the world," Mrs. Moore said in even tones and agreed with her older sister's testimony that she had not expected the aged woman to be killed.

The sisters claimed they were following John H. Mills in going through

"I had no thought any harm was going to be done to my mother," Mrs. McGinnis testified.

Schools Depending on Prompt Taxes

67 % of Property Tax Goes to Education—Money Is Needed

poration Commission Tuesday expressed belief that all Arkansas citizens who can obtain the necessary money will pay their taxes this year, regardless of provisions of Act 260 which extended the time to redeem delinquent property to four years and reduced the penalty to 3 per cent.

Governor Futrell said he believed that terms of the act would be taken advantage of only by those unable to pay taxes, and that those citizens who could pay would do so despite that the act virtually allows a four-year extension on this year's taxes.

speaking for that body, called attention to the fact that of every dollar of property taxes collected, 67.3 cents go to the operation and debt retirement of schools.

"I think every patriotic taxpayer," he said, "will pay his taxes to insure

the opening of schools next September, and their operation throughout next year. He should realize that the schools cannot open or operate without tax funds, and practically all school funds come from general property taxes."
